

What the Drafted Men May Expect

Third Article in a Series Written for The Times
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(Since these articles were written two weeks ago Commissioner Newman has been made a major of artillery and will probably be ordered into service within a month.)

It has taken a lot of hard knocks for men in the officers' training camps to learn obedience and responsibility, the two prime qualities of the good soldier.

I applied for field artillery and was fortunate enough to be assigned to one of the three batteries of that arm for training. I speedily found that a sense of responsibility is more necessary in that branch of the service than in any other, excepting, of course, the quartermaster's corps.

Why, you ask.

Advantages in the Artillery. For the simplest reason in the world. You have about ten times as much property to use and to be accountable for. You must take ten times as much trouble to see that nothing is lost or mislaid and must be ten times as rigid in demands upon yourself and others. There are ten times as many chances to turn up at a critical moment, perhaps when you're ready to go into action against an enemy, with a range-finder missing, a breech-block gone or a few hundred rounds of ammunition lost along the road.

We have been whipping our brains for five weeks now to learn all the hundreds of parts of material and equipment in a battery of field artillery. I've been told that if one man set about to check up the property in one battery wagon it would take him all day and he'd know he'd done a day's work. Which is undoubtedly the reason (and a proper one) for one of our last hard knocks, administered by way of teaching us to be responsible.

We had brought the battery in, un hitched, tied on the picket line, and groomed our horses. By the way, it's great fun to groom a huge wheel horse covered with sweat and mud.

and harboring a tendency to kick if you go near his hind legs and to bite if you get within reach of his teeth.) Everybody was soaking wet from perspiration and from a gentle drizzle that had continued throughout the two hours' drill. Harness, saddles, and horses were in a mess, and each man had a thirst that yelled for relief, while each hungered for the shower baths that were waiting for him at barracks.

The Officers' Lesson.

Our regular army officer instructor must have observed our condition and felt sorry for us, because he didn't make a very close inspection to see that we had groomed, cleaned out the hoofs, wiped off the harness, and washed the bits. He let us go at 11:35 instead of 11:45, which allowed us half an hour to get our dirty, wet, smelly clothes off, slosh around under the showers till we were good and clean, and then dress in fresh clothes from head to foot. It was great, but the next day?

The trouble was we thought too much of a drink of water and a bath and not enough of the Government property for which we were responsible. Later in the afternoon the instructor discovered that what, altogether, would make twelve sets of harness had been left scattered all over the stable, without having been wiped off. Bridles were dropped on manure piles, traces were strewn about the floor or left in mangers or stalls, and saddles and saddle blankets were dropped any old place.

Not a word of reproach was uttered when we took the horses out the next day, which was the hottest of the summer, but we were kept at mounted drill till the last minute; we were kept grooming on the picket line, under the blazing sun, with the dust of the horses' coats settling in our sweaty hair and on our faces; until the last animal shone like a circus horse, and we were held at attention in the stables, each man one yard in rear of and facing his horse, until the instructor had gone into every stall, inspected each set of harness to see that it was cleaned and in its proper place and had then, with a few extremely pointed sentences, informed us of our dereliction of the day before.

Had Learned Responsibility. We got no baths at all that day; we had to eat dinner in those sweaty garments, and our afternoon work began before we had time to take a bath afterward. By 4:30, when we could get under the showers, we had done a lot of thinking about the responsibility of the soldier for field artillery, horses and material. I know that, personally, I shall never leave a piece of harness anywhere except right where it belongs. If I'm ever tempted to be careless, the memory of that hot noontide and the bath I didn't get will keep me straight.

CAMP GOOD WILL CHILDREN GIVEN TREAT BY MASONS

A midsummer Santa Claus visited Camp Good Will in Rock Creek park today when the members of Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14, F. A. A. M., entertained the youngsters and their mothers at the summer camp.

These summer Santa Clauses came in automobiles instead of the proverbial sleigh, and a toy for each girl and boy was their gift.

Past Master Jason Waterman was on the program for a brief talk to the youngsters. Following short patriotic exercises the "Summer Santa" piled every youngster into their twenty-three automobiles and took a spin through Rock Creek Park.

The committee in charge of the outing was headed by Past Master James S. McCarthy, who during the week supplied the camp with hospital supplies on behalf of the lodge.

BOARDS TO STIFFEN EXEMPTION INQUIRIES

Tightening of Lines to Follow Conference Tomorrow.

A general tightening of exemption lines on men drawn for the national army is expected to result from the conference of the District's eleven exemption boards and the exemption board of appeals, which will be held at the District building tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

With the experience of a week or more to their credit, exemption of delinquents are expected to have indicated to them by Commissioner Brownlow and Provost Marshal Donovan, a more strict interpretation of the draft act, particularly in the case of married men.

Both draft officials are expected to point out that the mere fact that a man is married does not exempt him from the draft, any more than it would exempt anyone else with a dependent.

As the draft progresses, the number of appeals from the decisions of local boards is increasing and the board of appeals anticipates a busy week.

CREDIT BUREAU GROWING. Two more workers will be added to the staff of the credit bureau of the Retail Merchants' Association tomorrow to meet the increased volume of business. C. V. Weekly, former chief of the credit reporters, has been made manager of the credit bureau. David Sanger has gone to Cleveland for the national credit men's convention as a representative of the local body. Secretary Columbus will go to Cleveland this week.

GAVE TIP ON 'SUB' WAR; MAY BE MADE ADMIRAL

Because he gave the navy timely warning of Germany's submarine warfare plans, Capt. Albert Parker Niblack, now commanding a division of the battleship fleet, had been recommended for a rear admiral by the naval promotion board, according to a Washington dispatch to the New York Sun.

During the spring of 1915, Captain

Niblack declared that there were very suspicious signs observable in connection with Germany's submarine construction. He was then naval attaché at the American embassy in Berlin.

TUMULT AT LAKE PLACID.

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Secretary to the President Tumulty spent a quiet Sunday here, en route to Saratoga for a vacation. He and Mrs. Tumulty will remain at Lake Placid for several days.

BUILDING COLLAPSES; TWO LOST, FIVE HURT

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 12.—A three-story office building adjoining the twenty-foot excavation for the new million-dollar Penn-Harris Hotel yesterday dropped into the hole. Five persons were injured and two others, known to have been in the building, are missing.

EQUIPMENT SHORTAGE CONFRONTS NEW ARMY

The quartermaster corps of the United States admitted today that it will be unable to have uniforms, shoes, and other equipment on hand for the men who will be mobilized on September 1.

According to War Department officials, there will be a delay in obtaining sufficient supplies, because the original equipment contracts, let

weeks ago, were all used to equip the regular army and the national guard.

FIELD MICE EAT \$40.

CLAYTON, Ala., Aug. 12.—A prominent farmer near here, becoming alarmed at the war, buried \$400 for safekeeping. Field mice ate \$40 of it. Now the bucolic Captain Kidd is sticking to the old yarn sock.

HERO MEDAL FOR ROOT AS RESULT OF MISSION

The first valor medal of the National Arts Club is to be presented to Elzbiu Root, head of the American commission to Russia. The purpose of this medal is to be a reward for unusual heroism in the military or naval service of the United States.



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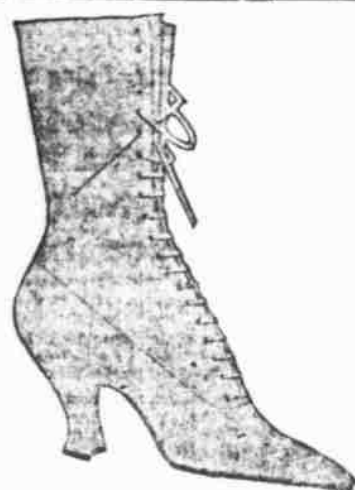
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